

Montgomery County Board of Canvassers
18753 North Frederick Avenue
Suite 210
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879-3124

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1st Absentee Canvass Minutes for 2016 General Election

Board of Canvassers: James Shalleck, Chairperson
Mary Ann Keeffe, Secretary
Nahid Khozeimeh
Alexander Vincent
Graciela Rivera-Oven
David Naimon
Jacqueline Phillips

LBE/Supervisory Staff: Margaret Jurgensen, Alysoun McLaughlin, Jessica White, Bobbi Payne, Stella Gonda and Michelle Gonda.

Board Counsel: Kevin Karpinski was present as Board counsel.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at the Board of Elections, 18753 North Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879-3124. There was a quorum of the Board of Canvassers, and at least one member of the Board of Canvassers who is a registered voter of the principal minority party was present. The canvass participants were:

Alan Cecilio
Alex Mobin
Alfred Dunker
Alfred Sonnenstrahl
Alison Clarke
Amber Rebecca Price
Amy Reams
Anna Rhee
Anne Lafferty
Antoinette Blount
Barbara Illinger
Bhupinder Bajwa
Bob Bokma
Bonnie Cole
Carol Layman
Carol Lewis
Cassie Chew
Chandler Wiland
Chinomso Njelita

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Chris Finney
Clyde Hardy
Constance Locraft
Craig Messner
Cynthia Jones
Deborah Broken Rope
Delores Lee
Denise Anderson
Dennis Maeder
Dianne Fontes
Drena Reaves-Bey
Ed Mitchell
Edward Foskey
Ellen White
Ethyl Tiller
Francis Filiatreau
Francis J. Thompson
Gary Becker
George O'Hare
George Summers
Ismail Aadan
James Hannah
Jean Mitchell
Jeanne Hampton
Jerry Van Dyke
John Dysland
Joseph Miller
Joyce Robb
Juliette Traore
Kadiatu Kontéh-Brohiri
Karen Copeland
Katharyn Marks
Keith Livingston
Kimberly Lewis
Liane Dorsey
Linda Parmelee
Lois Magua
Margaret Carney
Mario Francisco
Mark Flickinger
Mary Ellen York
Michael Melendez
Nina Uzick

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Paul Tamul
Ralph McCrea
Raymond Spencer
Regen Thomas
Regina Smith-Turner
Rona Han
Susan Rittenberg
Vickie Witkin
Zirong Ye

PUBLIC OBSERVERS

None.

CONFIRMATION OF OATH

Prior to the commencement of the canvass, Barbara H. Meiklejohn, the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers. Substitute members of the Board of Elections and the Board Attorney were also sworn-in.

ELECTION/ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

James Shalleck was elected to serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Canvassers. Mary Ann Keeffe was elected to serve as the Secretary for the Board of Canvassers. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Public notice of the first absentee canvass was provided by a media release on October 28, 2016, it was posted on the Montgomery County Board of Elections' website and was mailed to candidates.

VERIFICATION OF BALLOT SCANNER(S)

Margaret Jurgensen, Election Director, presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanners being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing. Margaret Jurgensen reported that the memory cards created for this canvass were placed in the ballot scanners and sealed. Margaret Jurgensen provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. Margaret Jurgensen noted the following

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information from Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each ballot scanner being used in the canvass:

Absentee 1

Unit #1 Serial Number: DS8514080142

Tamper Tape serial numbers

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Left Side: 16-207880	Left Side: 16-216559	Left Side: 16-216585	Left Side: 16-216598
Right Side (Top): 16-207879	Right Side (Top): 16-207879	Right Side (Top): 16-207879	Right Side (Top): 16-207879
Right Side (Middle): 16- 207878	Right Side (Middle): 16-207878	Right Side (Middle): 16- 207878	Right Side (Middle): 16-207878
Right Side (Bottom): 16- 207877	Right Side (Bottom): 16-204601	Right Side (Bottom):16- 216591	Right Side (Bottom): 16-216603

Absentee 1

Unit #2 Serial Number: DS8516080267

Tamper Tape serial numbers

Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Left Side: 16-216561	Left Side: 16-216590	Left Side: 16-216588
Right Side (Top): 16-216563	Right Side (Top): 16-216563	Right Side (Top): 16-216563
Right Side (Middle): 16-216564	Right Side (Middle): 16-216564	Right Side (Middle): 16-216564
Right Side (Bottom): 16-216560	Right Side (Bottom): 16-216587	Right Side (Bottom):16-216589

The ballot scanners' serial numbers and seal numbers from Logic and Accuracy Testing matched the ballot scanners' serial numbers and seal numbers before the canvass began.

INDIVIDUALS WHO ASSISTED WITH SCANNERS

- Janet Ross
- Lisa Jones
- Martin Kim
- Darlington Brima
- Bryan Gyer
- Jerry Quarshie
- Lashell Lee
- Lisa Jones
- Justin Kolani
- Tim Gartrell

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- Andre Johnson
- Todd Urosevich (ES&S Observer)
- Rick Dixon (ES&S Observer)
- Glen Tilley (ES&S Observer)
- Mike Dvork (ES&S Observer)
- John Speirs (SBE Observer)
- John Dvork (ES&S Observer)
- John S. (SBE Observer)

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the counts on the ballot scanners was zero. The Board of Canvassers posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanners on the outside door to the Training Room. A second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the ballot scanner(s) was printed.

CANVASSING

Overview of Canvass Process

James Shalleck, President of the Board of Elections and Chair of the Board of Canvassers, provided an introduction to the canvass teams. Ms. Jurgensen thereafter explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass, provided an overview of the canvassing process and noted that the rules were posted in the canvass room. The Board of Elections received 19,133 that needed to be duplicated. Because of the number of ballots requiring duplication, two (2) rooms were used solely for the purpose of duplication. In total, approximately 2,565 man hours were spent duplicating ballots, at a cost of \$37,142.00. The teams inspected the ballots to determine that they needed to be duplicated. The canvass team was provided the correct ballot style. One team member read the voter's choices for the races he or she was eligible to vote in. The other canvass team duplicated the ballot. The team member who duplicated the ballot then read aloud the voter's choices, while the other canvass member verified the accuracy of the duplication.

The remaining canvass teams processed ballots that did not need to be duplicated. Each team reviewed the envelope first to determine whether it was timely received. For timely received ballots, each team determined whether the voter signed the oath. After verifying that the oath was signed, each team opened the envelopes. With the envelopes face down, each team removed the ballot, ensuring care that the envelope stayed face down. After removing all of the ballots in the batch, the ballot envelopes were set aside. Each team reviewed the ballots for compliance and tabulating acceptability. Those timely ballots that were in compliance and could be read by the voting scanner were referred for tabulation.

Printing Canvass Results

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The tabulation process was substantially delayed because of problems with the DS 850 scanner. Specifically, on the first day of Absentee I, the scanner continued to jam and staff could not tabulate ballots. Assistance from ES&S was requested and an additional scanner was utilized for the duration of the canvass.

After scanning all accepted absentee ballots, staff locked the voting units and printed an Election Results Report. The Board of Canvassers confirmed the number of ballots counted by the optical scan voting unit(s). The Board of Canvassers signed the Election Results Report and posted a second copy of the report outside the canvass room.

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Absentee Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Absentee Ballots Presented at 1 st Absentee Canvass	25,908
Accepted Ballots	25,908
Rejected Ballots	0

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

The Board of Canvassers, with a quorum present, were present on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 as canvassing teams continued duplicating ballots. The ballots duplicated on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 were scanned on Friday, November 18, 2016. The Board of Canvassers next met on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to canvass provisional ballots.